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Chip and Eric –

Per recent EPA/LWG discussions on risk management, we all understand that key decisions must be made at the March 4 meeting on risk management in order to keep the expedited draft FS on schedule. I thought it would be worth restating for EPA the agreed upon meeting objective that we must attain to keep the project on track. **The objective of the meeting is to decide on a focused set of sediment PRGs that do not vary over a wide range of values, so that draft FS evaluations can proceed effectively.** To achieve this objective, it is key that EPA have available at the March 4 meeting both the EPA FS team members needed as well as the risk management information and analyses that EPA has indicated you are developing.

Currently, we have a set of sediment PRGs that use all available Lines of Evidence (LOE) that range from quite low background values to relatively high risk-based values. As a consequence, the FS cannot effectively use this wide range of values to assess short and long term effectiveness or even make simple assessments of the vertical extent of contamination (i.e., SMA volumes).

We intend to have breaks from typical meeting discussions during March 4th every hour or two to assess our progress toward meeting the overall objective as stated above. If substantial progress is not being made, we think it is critical that the remainder of the meeting be restructured as necessary to provide the best potential for attaining the above objective in the time remaining that day.

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help facilitate EPA's preparations for the meeting. We look forward to a productive conversation on Thursday.

Thanks,

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